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1. NEW YORK TIMES PUBLISHED REUTER DISPATCH FROM VIENNA
REPORTING THAT WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR SAID HE EXPECTED
PROGRESS "IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE" AT DEADLOCKED MBFR TALKS.
SCHMIDT, WHO DISCUSSED MBFR NEGOTIATIONS RECENTLY WITH
BREZHNEV, SAID MOSCOW "HAD NOT TOTALLY REJECTED" LATEST
WESTERN PROPOSALS TO GET TALKS MOVING. "I EXPECT PROGRESS

IN PRINCIPLE AT THESE NEGOTIATIONS," SCHMIDT SAID AT AIR-PORT NEWS CONFERENCE AFTER ARRIVING IN VIENNA FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF AUSTRIAN SOCIALIST PARTY. SCHMIDT SAID HE HAD REVIEWED WITH BREZHNEV FUTURE OF MBFR TALKS, NOW IN THEIR FIFTH YEAR, BUT WAS NOT SURE WHETHER WARSAW PACT WOULD REPLY IMMEDIATELY TO LATEST NATO PROPOSALS WHEN NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN THEIR 15TH ROUND IN VIENNA MAY 18.

2. SENATOR DICK CLARK, CHAIRMAN OF SENATE AFRICAN AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE, YESTERDAY URGED PRESIDENT CARTER TO WARN SOVIETS THEIR AFRICAN INTERVENTION WILL LEAD TO RETURN TO COLD WAR. UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL REPORTED THAT CLARK DECLARED: "WE HAVE TO MAKE CLEAR TO SOVIETS THAT RESULT OF THEIR ACTIONS WILL LEAD TO PRESSURE TO RETURN TO COLD WAR RELATIONS AND THERE WILL BE AN IMPACT ON SALT. THEY HAVE TO BE MADE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THEY ARE NOT GOING TO GET SALT AGREEMENT OUT OF SENATE AND THAT WHOLE DETENTE RELATIONSHIP IS DETERIORATING BECAUSE OF THEIR AFRICAN INTERVENTION."

3. SYNDICATED COLUMNIST GEORGE F. WILL, WRITING IN WASHINGTON POST, COMMENTED ON TRANSCRIPT OF CONVERSATION BETWEEN HENRY KISSINGER AND DANIEL MOYNIHAN PUBLISHED IN MAY-JUNE ISSUE OF AMERICAN ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE'S MAGAZINE "PUBLIC OPINION". WILL SAID WHAT KISSINGER CALLS "DEFEATIST CONSENSUS" IN "TRADITIONAL ESTABLISHMENT" IS UNCLASSIFIED

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APPARENT IN CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S APPROACH TO STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION. MOYNIHAN IS QUOTED AS SAYING, "REMARKABLY, WE NOW HAVE SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THIS ADMINISTRATION COMING AROUND TO US IN SENATE SAYING WE MUST HAVE SALT TREATY SOON BECAUSE IF WE DO NOT, BY MID-1980'S SOVIET WILL HAVE SURPASSED US IN STRATEGIC POWER. I CAN IMAGINE WHAT YOU, HENRY, WOULD THINK ABOUT NEGOTIATING POSITION IN WHICH OTHER SIDE HAD ONLY TO WAIT 2,000 DAYS TO GET WHERE THEY WANT TO BE." WILL SAID MOYNIHAN INSISTED THAT U.S. MUST BE ABLE TO MAKE BELIEVABLE THREAT TO INCREASE ITS DEFENSE EFFORT ENOUGH TO CONVINCE SOVIETS THAT THEY MUST NEGOTIATE ACCEPTABLE LIMITS. "ADMINISTRATION IS UNWILLING TO MAKE ANY SUCH THREAT, AND AS MOYNIHAN SAYS, 'IF YOU HAVE PSYCHOLOGICALLY DISCARDED THAT BARGAINING TECHNIQUE, THEN, IN FACT, YOU ARE DISARMED,'" WILL COMMENTED. MOYNIHAN ASSERTED THAT "AMERICAN POLICY IS BEGINNING TO ACCOMMODATE TO ASSUMPTION THAT SOVIETS ARE NOW, OR SOON WILL BE, SUPERIOR MILITARY POWER."

4. WALTER PINCUS OF WASHINGTON POST REPORTED THAT HOUSE VOTED OVERWHELMINGLY YESTERDAY TO GIVE CARTER AUTHORITY NEXT YEAR TO GO AHEAD WITH PRODUCTION OF NEUTRON WEAPONS IF

HE DECIDES THEY ARE IN NATIONAL INTEREST. IN ACTING ON FISCAL 1979 DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION BILL, HOUSE ALSO SWEPT ASIDE PROVISION IN CURRENT LAW THAT GIVES CONGRESS 45 DAYS TO BLOCK, BY JOINT RESOLUTION, ANY DECISION BY PRESIDENT TO PRODUCE NEUTRON WEAPONS. BY 306 TO 90, HOUSE DEFEATED AMENDMENT BY REP. TED WEISS THAT WOULD HAVE BARRED USE OF FISCAL 1979 FUNDS FOR NEUTRON WEAPONS PRODUCTION. PINCUS SAID HOUSE ACTIONS YESTERDAY "SHOWED INCREASED SUPPORT AMONG HOUSE MEMBERS FOR BUILDING AND DEPLOYING NEUTRON WEAPONS AND STRONG DESIRE TO AVOID INTERFERING WITH PRESIDENT'S ABILITY TO ACT." AUTHORIZATION BILL NOW GOES TO SENATE, "WHERE OPPOSITION LAST YEAR TO NEUTRON WEAPONS WAS MUCH STRONGER THAN IN HOUSE," PINCUS SAID.

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5. ACDA COUNSELOR ADAM YARMOLINSKY WAS QUOTED BY UPI AS TELLING STATE DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING ON SSOD THAT ADMINISTRATION IS HOPEFUL EXPECTED SOVIET PROPAGANDA ATTACKS ON NEUTRON WEAPONS WILL NOT DETRACT FROM MAIN GOALS OF MEETING WHICH OPENS MAY 23. "I DON'T DOUBT THAT SOVIETS WILL MAKE PROPAGANDA ISSUE TO SOME EXTENT OF SO-CALLED NEUTRON BOMB," YARMOLINSKY SAID, "BUT WE HOPE THAT THEY WILL NOT MAKE MAJOR ISSUE OUT OF IT." ACDA COUNSELOR SAID U.S. WILL MAKE ITS PROPOSALS IN SPEECH TO BE DELIVERED BY EITHER CARTER OR VANCE. HE SAID CARTER'S PRESENCE IS NOT YET CERTAIN. VANCE

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